

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

DAVID SARRUF,

Plaintiff,

v.

LILLY LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN &  
LILLY LIFE INSURANCE PLAN,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00461-JCC

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
JOINT MOTION FOR  
ADDITIONAL SIXTY-DAY STAY**

Plaintiff David Sarruf (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants The Eli Lilly and Company Long Term Disability Plan (the “LTD Plan”)<sup>1</sup> and The Eli Lilly and Company Life Insurance and Death Benefit Plan (the “Life Insurance Plan”)<sup>2</sup> (collectively, “Defendants”), by and through their attorneys, hereby respectfully submit this Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Additional Sixty-Day Stay, as follows.

On August 27, 2024, the Court granted the parties’ Joint Motion to Stay Case to allow the Parties to continue discussions on ways to potentially resolved this matter. The Court stayed all pending case deadlines, and ordered the Parties to file a joint status report by September 17, 2024 to inform the Court of the status of this matter and, if necessary, to propose a new

<sup>1</sup> The LTD Plan is incorrectly named in the Complaint as the Lilly Long Term Disability Plan.

<sup>2</sup> The Life Insurance Plan is incorrectly named in the Complaint as the Lilly Life Insurance Plan.

1 scheduling order. *See* Dkt. 25.

2 On September 16, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Stay and Joint Status Report,  
3 which requested an additional thirty-day stay of all pending case deadlines in order to allow the  
4 Parties to continue to explore whether the case could be resolved by settlement. *See* Dkt. 26.  
5 The Court granted the Motion and stayed all case deadlines through October 16, 2024 and  
6 ordered the parties to file a joint status report by the same date. *See* Dkt. 27.

7 On October 16, 2024 the parties filed a Joint Motion to Stay and Joint Status Report,  
8 which requested an additional thirty-day stay of all pending case deadlines in order to allow the  
9 Parties to explore mediation. *See* Dkt. 30. The Court granted the Motion and stayed all case  
10 deadlines through November 18, 2024 and ordered the parties to file a joint status report by the  
11 same date. *See* Dkt. 31.

12 The Parties report that they have agreed to mediate this case. The Parties are in the process  
13 of selecting a mediator and identifying a date for mediation.

14 The Parties accordingly request that the Court stay all case deadlines for an additional  
15 sixty days while they schedule a mediation of this case.

16 This Motion is not made for purposes of delay or prejudice, but so that justice may be  
17 done. This case has been pending only since April 2024, and the requested brief stay is intended  
18 to allow the Parties to continue to explore whether the case can be resolved by settlement.

19 WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court issue an Order staying all  
20 pending deadlines in this case for sixty days, through and including January 17, 2025.

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1 Date: November 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

2 DAVID SARRUF

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LILLY AND COMPANY LIFE INSURANCE  
AND DEATH BENEFIT PLAN

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER STAYING CASE**

This matter came regularly before the Court through the Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Additional Sixty-Day Stay filed by the Parties above. The Court, having considered the Joint Motion and the facts described therein, finds good cause for the agreed-upon stay and hereby ORDERS that all pending case deadlines be stayed through and including January 17, 2024. The Parties are also ORDERED to file a joint status report by January 17, 2024, to inform the Court of the status of this matter and, if necessary, to propose a new scheduling order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 15th day of November 2024.



THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record who receive CM/ECF notifications.

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